

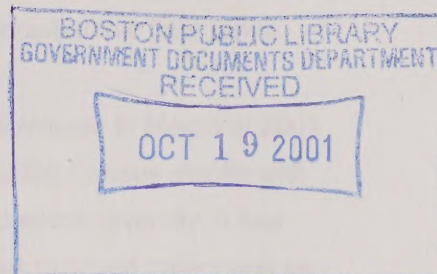
M3/B16
RA
01/3
c.2

gov01-111

Boston's Population - 2000

1. Changes in Population, Race, and Ethnicity in Boston and Boston's Neighborhoods – 1980 to 2000

(PL 94-171 Initial Release)



THOMAS M. MENINO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOSTON

Boston Redevelopment Authority

Mark Maloney, *Director*

Clarence J. Jones, *Chairman*
Consuelo Gonzales Thornell, *Treasurer*
Joseph W. Nigro, Jr., *Co-Vice Chairman*
Michael Taylor, *Co-Vice Chairman*
Christopher J. Supple, *Member*
Harry R. Collings, *Secretary*

Report prepared by
Liming Liu
Gregory Perkins
Rolf Goetze
Jim Vrabel
Geoff Lewis
Policy Development and Research
Robert W. Consalvo, *Director*

Report #541
March 2001

Racial and Ethnic Categories Used in the 2000 Census

Over the years, the U.S. Census Bureau has changed the description of and increased the number of its racial categories to accommodate the way respondents identify themselves. By 2000, the number of racial categories had increased to 63, as the Census Bureau, for the first time, permitted respondents to classify themselves in more than one category. The Bureau then collapsed the 63 categories into eight major categories. (In 1990, there were only six categories.) Meanwhile, the Census Bureau has continued to divide persons in all racial groups into one of two ethnic categories: either Hispanic or Latino or Not Hispanic or Latino, or a total of 126 racial-ethnic categories.

This report is based on the U.S. Census Bureau's initial release in March of 2001 of PL 94-171 data for the year 2000. In order to compare the 2000 Census results with those of past years and to track changes in Boston's racial and ethnic diversity, it has been necessary to reduce the Census Bureau's eight categories to seven categories as shown in the following chart. These categories permit the tracking of demographic changes in Boston over the past 20 years.

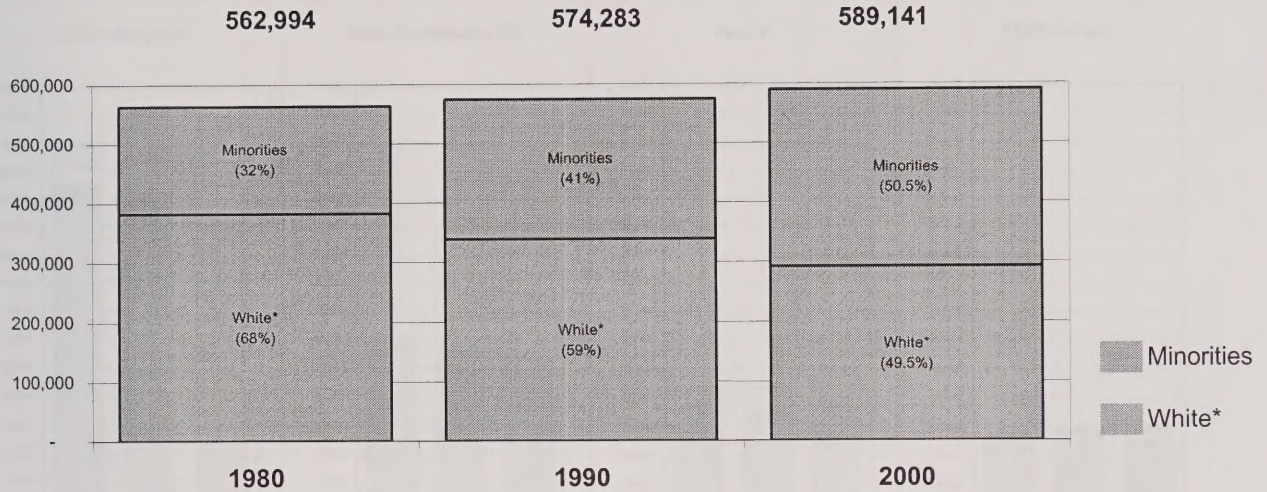
Census Bureau Categories	BRA Categories
1. White (Non-Hispanic)	1. White*
2. Black or African American (Non-Hispanic)	2. Black/African American*
3. Hispanic or Latino (across all racial categories including Multi-Racial)	3. Hispanic ¹
4. Asian (Non-Hispanic)	4. Asian/Pacific Islander*
5. Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic)	5. Native American*
6. American Indian or Alaskan Native (Non-Hispanic)	6. Other Single Race*
7. Other Races (Non-Hispanic)	7. Multi-Racial* ¹
8. Multi-Racial (Bi-Racial and Multi-Racial, Non-Hispanic)	

* Non-Hispanic

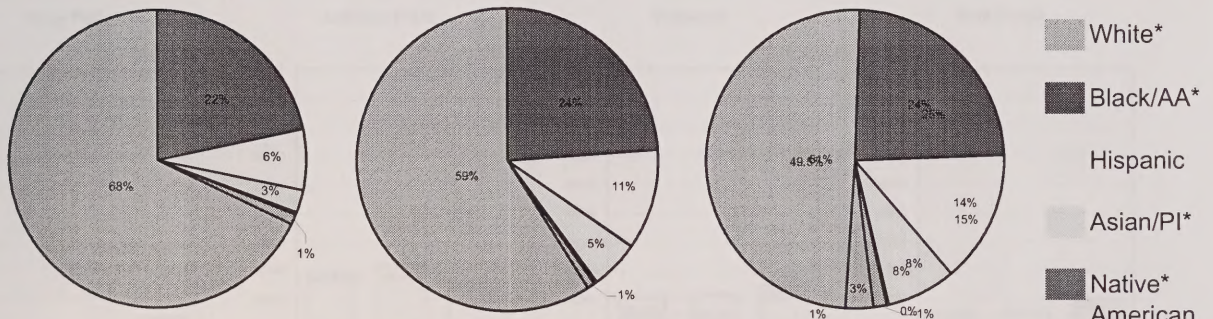
Using these racial and ethnic categories, the charts, tables, and maps which follow present an overview of the changes in Boston's population which occurred between 1980 and 2000 in the city as a whole as well as its neighborhoods. A more detailed analysis of race and ethnicity using all of the Census Bureau's new racial and ethnic definitions will be available at a later date.

¹ Note: The distribution of the races of persons classifying themselves as Hispanic as well as the distribution of persons classifying themselves as being of more than one race (Bi-Racial or Multi-Racial) appear in a table at the end of this presentation.

CITY OF BOSTON POPULATION CHANGE




CHANGE IN RACE/ETHNICITY



	1980			1990			2000		
White*	382,123	67.9%		338,734	59.0%		291,561	49.5%	
Black/African American*	122,203	21.7%		136,887	23.8%		140,305	23.8%	
Hispanic	36,068	6.4%		61,955	10.8%		85,089	14.4%	
Asian/Pacific Islander*	14,910	2.6%		29,640	5.2%		44,280	7.5%	
Native American*	1,217	0.2%		1,531	0.3%		1,517	0.3%	
Other Single Race*	6,473	1.1%		5,536	1.0%		8,215	1.4%	
Multi-Racial*	-	0.0%		-	0.0%		18,174	3.1%	
Total	562,994	100.0%		574,283	100.0%		589,141	100.0%	

* Non-Hispanic

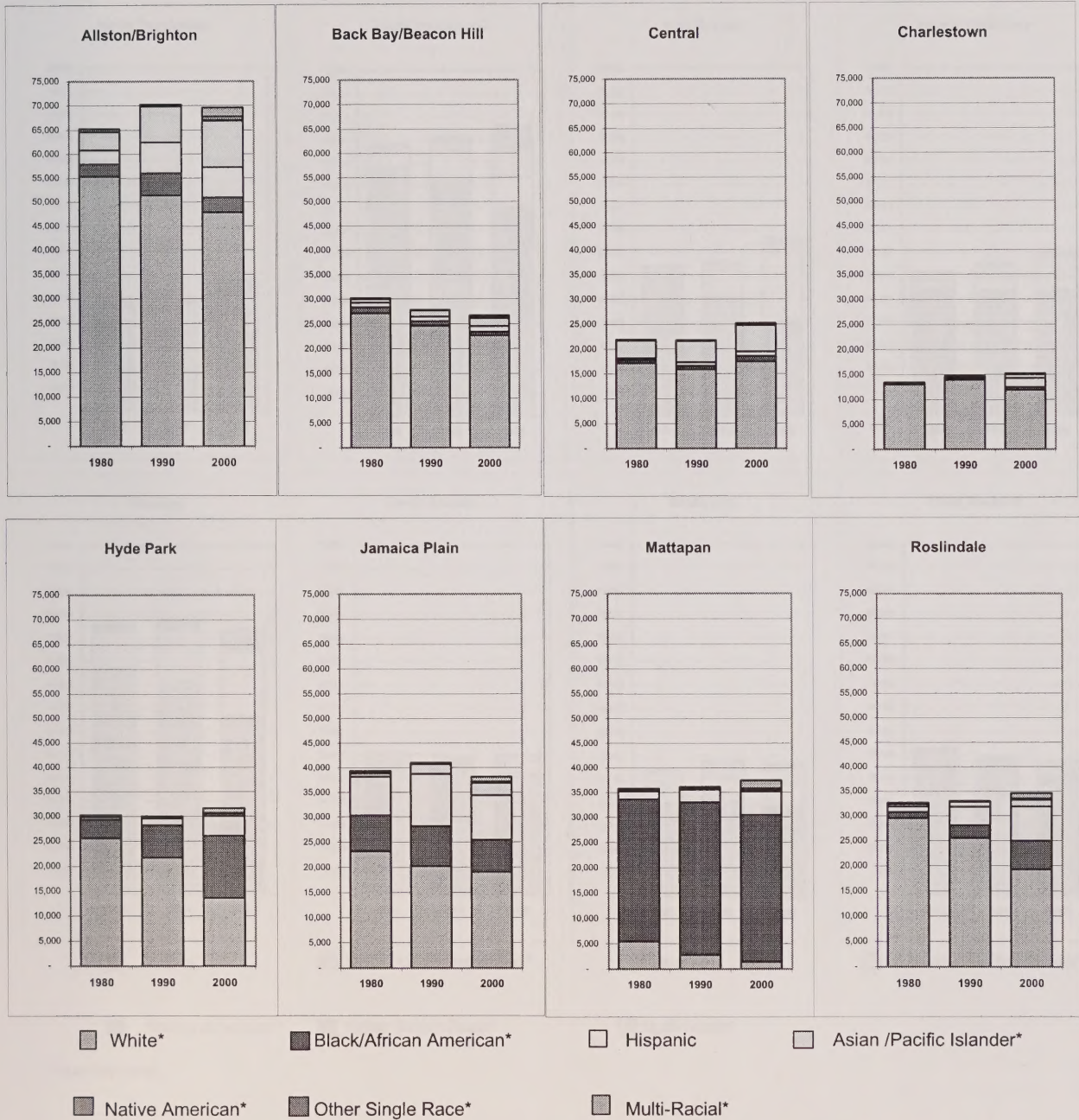


Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2024 with funding from
Boston Public Library

<https://archive.org/details/bostonpopulation00liul>

BOSTON'S NEIGHBORHOODS

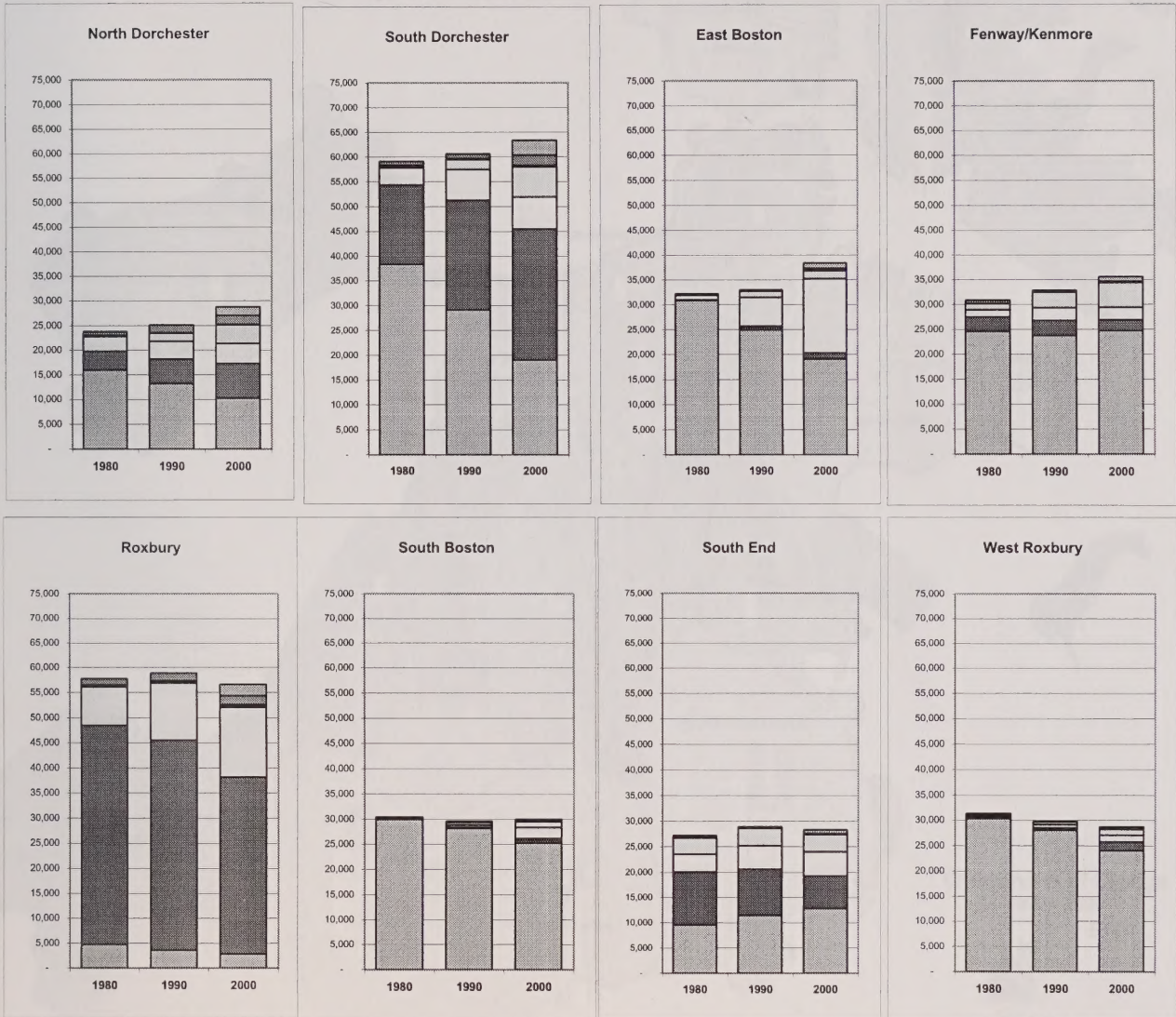
POPULATION & RACE/ETHNICITY



*Non-Hispanic

BOSTON'S NEIGHBORHOODS

POPULATION & RACE/ETHNICITY

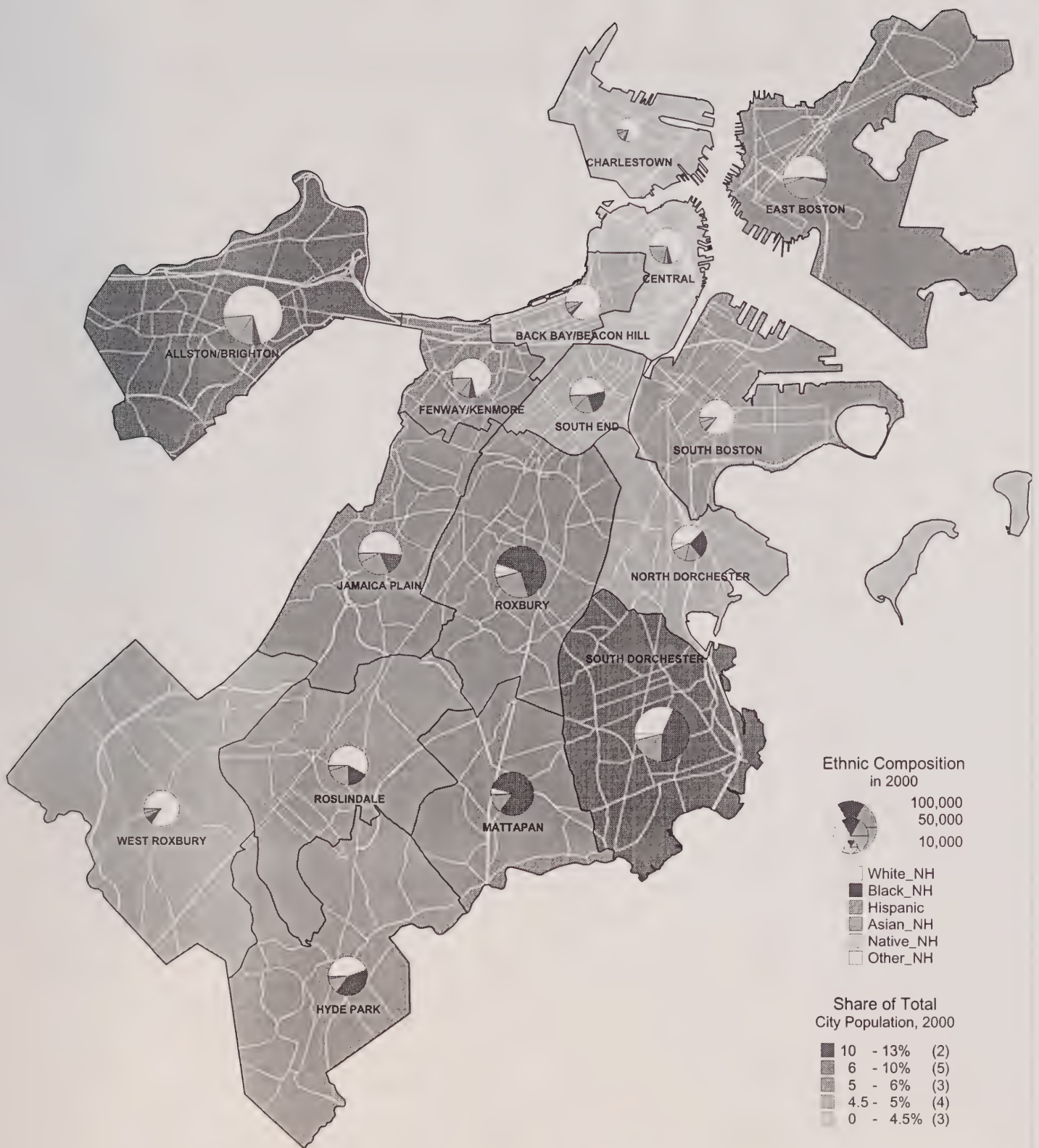


*Non-Hispanic



Boston Population Racial Change and Ethnic Shifts, 1990 - 2000

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, PL94-171



Boston Population Distribution and Racial/Ethnic Composition, 2000

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, PL94-171

POPULATION AND RACE/ETHNICITY BY NEIGHBORHOOD

Allston-Brighton		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	55,314	86%	51,395	73%	47,835	69%
	Black/African American*	2,558	4%	4,650	7%	3,110	4%
	Hispanic	2,911	5%	6,413	9%	6,336	9%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	3,745	6%	7,371	10%	9,611	14%
	Native American*	94	0%	109	0%	105	0%
	Other Single Race*	642	1%	346	0%	828	1%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	1,823	3%
	Total	64,622	100%	70,284	100%	69,648	100%
	White	55,314	85%	51,395	73%	47,835	69%
	Minorities	9,950	15%	18,889	27%	21,813	31%
Back Bay/Beacon Hill		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	27,147	90%	24,602	88%	22,654	85%
	Black/African American*	1,254	4%	950	3%	792	3%
	Hispanic	937	3%	887	3%	1,099	4%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	647	2%	1,283	5%	1,620	6%
	Native American*	48	0%	40	0%	38	0%
	Other Single Race*	179	1%	46	0%	79	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	439	2%
	Total	30,212	100%	27,808	100%	26,721	100%
	White	27,147	90%	24,602	88%	22,654	85%
	Minorities	3,065	10%	3,206	12%	4,067	15%
Central		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	17,166	79%	15,982	74%	17,516	70%
	Black/African American*	638	3%	641	3%	1,024	4%
	Hispanic	377	2%	725	3%	941	4%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	3,520	16%	4,285	20%	5,280	21%
	Native American*	23	0%	27	0%	29	0%
	Other Single Race*	138	1%	9	0%	48	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	335	1%
	Total	21,862	100%	21,669	100%	25,173	100%
	White	17,166	79%	15,982	74%	17,516	70%
	Minorities	4,696	21%	5,687	26%	7,657	30%
Charlestown		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	13,034	98%	13,927	95%	11,946	79%
	Black/African American*	24	0%	106	1%	539	4%
	Hispanic	124	1%	310	2%	1,764	12%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	124	1%	316	2%	761	5%
	Native American*	19	0%	49	0%	26	0%
	Other Single Race*	39	0%	10	0%	20	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	139	1%
	Total	13,364	100%	14,718	100%	15,195	100%
	White	13,034	98%	13,927	95%	11,946	79%
	Minorities	330	2%	791	5%	3,249	21%

North Dorchester		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	15,935	67%	13,186	53%	10,241	36%
	Black/African American*	3,825	16%	4,964	20%	7,003	24%
	Hispanic	2,980	13%	3,600	14%	4,075	14%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	146	1%	1,604	6%	3,788	13%
	Native American*	85	0%	114	0%	114	0%
	Other Single Race*	818	3%	1,600	6%	1,817	6%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	1,737	6%
	Total	23,789	100%	25,068	100%	28,775	100%
	White	15,935	67%	13,186	53%	10,241	36%
	Minorities	7,854	33%	11,882	47%	18,534	64%
South Dorchester		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	38,410	65%	29,131	48%	19,012	30%
	Black/African American*	15,916	27%	22,125	36%	26,432	42%
	Hispanic	3,496	6%	6,213	10%	6,493	10%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	306	1%	1,997	3%	6,066	10%
	Native American*	163	0%	213	0%	236	0%
	Other Single Race*	832	1%	951	2%	2,124	3%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	2,977	5%
	Total	59,123	100%	60,630	100%	63,340	100%
	White	38,410	65%	29,131	48%	19,012	30%
	Minorities	20,713	35%	31,499	52%	44,328	70%
East Boston		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	30,839	96%	24,977	76%	19,078	50%
	Black/African American*	121	0%	702	2%	1,177	3%
	Hispanic	942	3%	5,805	18%	14,990	39%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	108	0%	1,260	4%	1,553	4%
	Native American*	46	0%	84	0%	71	0%
	Other Single Race*	122	0%	113	0%	440	1%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	1,104	3%
	Total	32,178	100%	32,941	100%	38,413	100%
	White	30,839	96%	24,977	76%	19,078	50%
	Minorities	1,339	4%	7,964	24%	19,335	50%
Fenway/Kenmore		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	24,598	80%	23,764	72%	24,737	69%
	Black/African American*	2,923	9%	3,019	9%	2,137	6%
	Hispanic	1,419	5%	2,532	8%	2,559	7%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	1,166	4%	3,161	10%	4,977	14%
	Native American*	58	0%	82	0%	70	0%
	Other Single Race*	678	2%	322	1%	192	1%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	930	3%
	Total	30,842	100%	32,880	100%	35,602	100%
	White	24,598	80%	23,764	72%	24,737	69%
	Minorities	6,244	20%	9,116	28%	10,865	31%

Hyde Park		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	25,584	85%	21,686	72%	13,629	43%
	Black/African American*	3,772	12%	6,561	22%	12,450	39%
	Hispanic	504	2%	1,303	4%	3,981	13%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	159	1%	311	1%	472	1%
	Native American*	30	0%	68	0%	73	0%
	Other Single Race*	174	1%	56	0%	142	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	972	3%
	Total	30,223	100%	29,985	100%	31,719	100%
	White	25,584	85%	21,686	72%	13,629	43%
	Minorities	4,639	15%	8,299	28%	18,090	57%
Jamaica Plain		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	23,160	59%	20,202	49%	19,030	50%
	Black/African American*	7,169	18%	7,927	19%	6,390	17%
	Hispanic	7,827	20%	10,587	26%	8,958	23%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	643	2%	1,977	5%	2,485	7%
	Native American*	121	0%	120	0%	100	0%
	Other Single Race*	411	1%	182	0%	180	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	1,053	3%
	Total	39,331	100%	40,995	100%	38,196	100%
	White	23,160	59%	20,202	49%	19,030	50%
	Minorities	16,171	41%	20,793	51%	19,166	50%
Mattapan		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	5,460	15%	2,792	8%	1,428	4%
	Black/African American*	28,132	79%	30,244	84%	29,018	77%
	Hispanic	1,645	5%	2,585	7%	4,716	13%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	89	0%	242	1%	347	1%
	Native American*	124	0%	121	0%	113	0%
	Other Single Race*	377	1%	151	0%	229	1%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	1,635	4%
	Total	35,827	100%	36,135	100%	37,486	100%
	White	5,460	15%	2,792	8%	1,428	4%
	Minorities	30,367	85%	33,343	92%	36,058	96%
Roslindale		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	29,569	91%	25,494	77%	19,317	56%
	Black/African American*	1,184	4%	2,590	8%	5,667	16%
	Hispanic	1,173	4%	3,761	11%	6,904	20%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	452	1%	1,015	3%	1,346	4%
	Native American*	26	0%	46	0%	69	0%
	Other Single Race*	222	1%	53	0%	156	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	1,159	3%
	Total	32,626	100%	32,959	100%	34,618	100%
	White	29,569	91%	25,494	77%	19,317	56%
	Minorities	3,057	9%	7,465	23%	15,301	44%

Roxbury		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	4,681	8%	3,524	6%	2,742	5%
	Black/African American*	43,743	76%	41,956	71%	35,441	63%
	Hispanic	7,677	13%	11,373	19%	13,827	24%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	165	0%	267	0%	355	1%
	Native American*	215	0%	222	0%	239	0%
	Other Single Race*	1,270	2%	1,551	3%	1,725	3%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	2,329	4%
	Total	57,751	100%	58,893	100%	56,658	100%
	White	4,681	8%	3,524	6%	2,742	5%
	Minorities	53,070	92%	55,369	94%	53,916	95%
South Boston		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	29,933	98%	28,145	95%	25,327	85%
	Black/African American*	15	0%	266	1%	741	2%
	Hispanic	160	1%	447	2%	2,244	7%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	143	0%	522	2%	1,166	4%
	Native American*	63	0%	91	0%	79	0%
	Other Single Race*	82	0%	17	0%	41	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	367	1%
	Total	30,396	100%	29,488	100%	29,965	100%
	White	29,933	98%	28,145	95%	25,327	85%
	Minorities	463	2%	1,343	5%	4,638	15%
South End		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	9,554	35%	11,433	40%	12,780	45%
	Black/African American*	10,503	39%	9,088	32%	6,422	23%
	Hispanic	3,443	13%	4,633	16%	4,773	17%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	3,192	12%	3,458	12%	3,358	12%
	Native American*	77	0%	114	0%	94	0%
	Other Single Race*	356	1%	116	0%	117	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	695	2%
	Total	27,125	100%	28,842	100%	28,239	100%
	White	9,554	35%	11,433	40%	12,780	45%
	Minorities	17,571	65%	17,409	60%	15,459	55%
West Roxbury		1980		1990		2000	
	White*	30,332	97%	28,012	94%	24,029	84%
	Black/African American*	185	1%	472	2%	1,718	6%
	Hispanic	395	1%	625	2%	1,309	5%
	Asian/Pacific Islander*	286	1%	564	2%	1,090	4%
	Native American*	14	0%	23	0%	58	0%
	Other Single Race*	121	0%	10	0%	75	0%
	Multi-Racial*	-	0%	-	0%	474	2%
	Total	31,333	100%	29,706	100%	28,753	100%
	White	30,332	97%	28,012	94%	24,029	84%
	Minorities	1,001	3%	1,694	6%	4,724	16%

* Non-Hispanic

The above data do not include the Harbor Islands' population of 640.

Multi-Racial Population Composition

	Multi-Racial Total		Two Races		Three or More Races	
Boston Total	25,878	100%	24,560	95%	1,318	5%
Neighborhoods						
Allston-Brighton	2,335	100%	2,230	96%	105	4%
Back Bay/Beacon Hill	507	100%	486	96%	21	4%
Central	406	100%	381	94%	25	6%
Charlestown	287	100%	267	93%	20	7%
North Dorchester	2,097	100%	2,030	97%	67	3%
South Dorchester	3,669	100%	3,482	95%	187	5%
East Boston	2,553	100%	2,481	97%	72	3%
Fenway/Kenmore	1,144	100%	1,064	93%	80	7%
Hyde Park	1,270	100%	1,218	96%	52	4%
Jamaica Plain	1,838	100%	1,682	92%	156	8%
Mattapan	2,050	100%	1,979	97%	71	3%
Roslindale	1,834	100%	1,747	95%	87	5%
Roxbury	3,565	100%	3,364	94%	201	6%
South Boston	579	100%	540	93%	39	7%
South End	1,128	100%	1,019	90%	109	10%
West Roxbury	605	100%	581	96%	24	4%
Harbor Islands	11	100%	9	82%	2	18%

Note: The category Multi-Racial in this table includes Hispanics. As a result, the numbers are slightly larger than the Multi-Racial numbers shown in previous tables in this report because they did not include Hispanics.

Hispanic Population Composition

Total			White		Black/AA		Asian/PI		Native American		Other Single Race		Multi-Racial	
Boston Total	85,089	100%	29,383	35%	8,897	10%	370	0%	848	1%	37,887	45%	7,704	9%
Neighborhoods														
Allston-Brighton	6,336	100%	3,330	53%	227	4%	39	1%	60	1%	2,168	34%	512	8%
Back Bay/Beacon Hill	1,099	100%	799	73%	30	3%	8	1%	7	1%	187	17%	68	6%
Central	941	100%	573	61%	69	7%	8	1%	10	1%	210	22%	71	8%
Charlestown	1,764	100%	647	37%	183	10%	3	0%	27	2%	756	43%	148	8%
North Dorchester	4,075	100%	1,149	28%	614	15%	17	0%	37	1%	1,898	47%	360	9%
South Dorchester	6,493	100%	1,274	20%	1,370	21%	31	0%	75	1%	3,051	47%	692	11%
East Boston	14,990	100%	6,915	46%	274	2%	58	0%	99	1%	6,195	41%	1,449	10%
Fenway/Kenmore	2,559	100%	1,265	49%	131	5%	33	1%	19	1%	897	35%	214	8%
Hyde Park	3,981	100%	1,277	32%	473	12%	23	1%	33	1%	1,877	47%	298	7%
Jamaica Plain	8,958	100%	3,147	35%	673	8%	20	0%	128	1%	4,205	47%	785	9%
Mattapan	4,716	100%	836	18%	1,319	28%	19	0%	60	1%	2,067	44%	415	9%
Roslindale	6,904	100%	2,343	34%	464	7%	15	0%	58	1%	3,349	49%	675	10%
Roxbury	13,827	100%	3,051	22%	2,231	16%	47	0%	145	1%	7,117	51%	1,236	9%
South Boston	2,244	100%	696	31%	217	10%	15	1%	19	1%	1,085	48%	212	9%
South End	4,773	100%	1,434	30%	514	11%	24	1%	56	1%	2,312	48%	433	9%
West Roxbury	1,309	100%	583	45%	92	7%	9	1%	15	1%	479	37%	131	10%
Harbor Islands	120	100%	64	53%	16	13%	1	1%	-	0%	34	28%	5	4%

